

IC 20-18-2
Chapter 2. Definitions

IC 20-18-2-1

Application

Sec. 1. The definitions in this chapter apply throughout this title.
As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.2.

IC 20-18-2-1.5

"ADA"

Sec. 1.5. (a) "ADA", for purposes of this title (except IC 20-23-4-19 and IC 20-45-7), means the average number of pupils in daily attendance in the school corporation, determined in accordance with the rules established by the state board.

(b) "ADA", for purposes of IC 20-23-4-19, has the meaning set forth in IC 20-23-4-19.

(c) "ADA", for purposes of IC 20-45-7, has the meaning set forth in IC 20-45-7-3.

As added by P.L.2-2006, SEC.72.

IC 20-18-2-2

"Average daily membership"

Sec. 2. "ADM", except as otherwise provided by law, refers to the fall count of eligible pupils under IC 20-43-4-3 conducted in the school year ending in the current calendar year.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.2. Amended by P.L.2-2006, SEC.73; P.L.205-2013, SEC.220.

IC 20-18-2-2.5

"Charter school"

Sec. 2.5. "Charter school" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-24-1-4.

As added by P.L.2-2006, SEC.74.

IC 20-18-2-2.6

"Chronic absenteeism"

Sec. 2.6. "Chronic absenteeism" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-20-8-8.

As added by P.L.246-2013, SEC.2.

IC 20-18-2-2.7

"Curricular material"

Sec. 2.7. "Curricular materials" means systematically organized material designed to provide a specific level of instruction in a subject matter category, including:

- (1) books;
- (2) hardware that will be consumed, accessed, or used by a single student during a semester or school year;
- (3) computer software; and
- (4) digital content.

As added by P.L.286-2013, SEC.9.

IC 20-18-2-2.8

"Criminal gang"

Sec. 2.8. "Criminal gang" has the meaning set forth in IC 35-45-9-1.

As added by P.L.190-2013, SEC.4.

IC 20-18-2-2.9

"Current ADM"

Sec. 2.9. "Current ADM" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-43-1-10.

As added by P.L.205-2013, SEC.221.

IC 20-18-2-3

"Department"

Sec. 3. "Department" refers to the department of education established by IC 20-19-3-1.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.2.

IC 20-18-2-4

"Elementary school"

Sec. 4. "Elementary school" means any combination of kindergarten and grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.2.

IC 20-18-2-4.5

"Fall count"

Sec. 4.5. "Fall count" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-43-1-12.3.

As added by P.L.205-2013, SEC.222.

IC 20-18-2-5

"Governing body"

Sec. 5. "Governing body" means:

- (1) a township trustee and the township board of a school township;
- (2) a county board of education;
- (3) a board of school commissioners;
- (4) a metropolitan board of education;
- (5) a board of trustees; or
- (6) any other board or commission charged by law with the responsibility of administering the affairs of a school corporation.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.2.

IC 20-18-2-6

"Graduation examination"

Sec. 6. "Graduation examination" means the test designated by the board under the ISTEP program.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.2.

IC 20-18-2-6.5

"Habitual truant"

Sec. 6.5. "Habitual truant" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-20-8-8.

As added by P.L.246-2013, SEC.3.

IC 20-18-2-7

"High school"

Sec. 7. "High school" means any combination of grades 9, 10, 11, or 12.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.2.

IC 20-18-2-8

"Indiana physician"

Sec. 8. "Indiana physician" means an individual who holds an unlimited license to practice medicine in Indiana.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.2.

IC 20-18-2-9

"Individualized education program"

Sec. 9. "Individualized education program" means a written statement developed for a child by a group that includes:

- (1) a representative of the school corporation or public agency responsible for educating the child;
- (2) the child's teacher;
- (3) the child's parent, guardian, or custodian;
- (4) if appropriate, the child; and
- (5) if the provision of services for a child with a serious emotional disability is considered, a mental health professional provided by:

(A) the community mental health center (as described in IC 12-29); or

(B) a managed care provider (as defined in IC 12-7-2-127(b));

serving the community in which the child resides;

and that describes the special education to be provided to the child.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.2. Amended by P.L.99-2007, SEC.161.

IC 20-18-2-10

"ISTEP program"

Sec. 10. "ISTEP program" refers to the Indiana statewide testing for educational progress program developed and administered under IC 20-32-5.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.2.

IC 20-18-2-11

"Legal settlement"

Sec. 11. "Legal settlement" of a student means the student's status

with respect to the school corporation that has the responsibility to allow the student to attend its local public schools without the payment of tuition, or to pay transfer tuition under IC 20-26-11 if the student attends school in a local public school of another school corporation.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.2.

IC 20-18-2-12

"Nonpublic school"

Sec. 12. (a) "Nonpublic school" means a school that is not maintained by a school corporation.

(b) The term includes a private school or parochial school.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.2.

IC 20-18-2-13

"Parent"

Sec. 13. "Parent" means:

- (1) the natural father or mother of a child;
- (2) in the case of adoption, the adopting father or mother of a child;
- (3) if custody of the child has been awarded in a court proceeding to someone other than the mother or father, the court appointed guardian or custodian of the child; or
- (4) if the parents of a child are divorced, the parent to whom the divorce decree or modification awards custody or control with respect to a right or obligation under this title.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.2.

IC 20-18-2-13.5

"Political subdivision"

Sec. 13.5. "Political subdivision" has the meaning set forth in IC 36-1-2-13.

As added by P.L.2-2006, SEC.75.

IC 20-18-2-14

"Principal"

Sec. 14. "Principal" refers to the chief administrative officer of a school.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.2.

IC 20-18-2-14.3

"Property tax"

Sec. 14.3. "Property tax" refers to an ad valorem property tax.

As added by P.L.2-2006, SEC.76.

IC 20-18-2-15

"Public school"

Sec. 15. "Public school":

- (1) for purposes of this title (other than IC 20-33-1), means a school maintained by a school corporation; and

(2) for purposes of IC 20-33-1, means:

(A) a school maintained by a school corporation; or

(B) a preschool, an elementary school, or a high school maintained by a state educational institution under IC 20-24.5 or another law.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.2. Amended by P.L.2-2007, SEC.198.

IC 20-18-2-16

"School corporation"

Sec. 16. (a) "School corporation", for purposes of this title (except IC 20-20-33, IC 20-26-1 through IC 20-26-5, IC 20-26-7, IC 20-28-11.5, IC 20-30-8, and IC 20-43), means a public school corporation established by Indiana law. The term includes a:

- (1) school city;
- (2) school town;
- (3) school township;
- (4) consolidated school corporation;
- (5) metropolitan school district;
- (6) township school corporation;
- (7) county school corporation;
- (8) united school corporation; or
- (9) community school corporation.

(b) "School corporation", for purposes of IC 20-26-1 through IC 20-26-5 and IC 20-26-7, has the meaning set forth in IC 20-26-2-4.

(c) "School corporation", for purposes of IC 20-20-33, IC 20-26-18, and IC 20-30-8, includes a charter school (as defined in IC 20-24-1-4).

(d) "School corporation", for purposes of IC 20-43, has the meaning set forth in IC 20-43-1-23.

(e) "School corporation", for purposes of IC 20-28-11.5, has the meaning set forth in IC 20-28-11.5-3.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.2. Amended by P.L.2-2006, SEC.77; P.L.90-2011, SEC.3; P.L.6-2012, SEC.123; P.L.190-2013, SEC.5.

IC 20-18-2-17

"School year"

Sec. 17. "School year" means the period:

- (1) beginning after June 30 of each year; and
- (2) ending before July 1 of the following year;

except when a different period is specified for a particular purpose.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.2.

IC 20-18-2-18

"Secondary school"

Sec. 18. "Secondary school" means a high school.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.2.

IC 20-18-2-18.3

"Special curriculum"

Sec. 18.3. "Special curriculum" means a course of study embracing subject matter or a teaching methodology that is not generally offered to students of the same age or grade level in the same school corporation. The term does not include:

- (1) a course of study or a part of a course of study designed solely for special education or limited English language proficiency students; or
- (2) a course of study or part of a course of study in which any student is unable to participate because of the student's limited financial resources.

As added by P.L.282-2013, SEC.1.

IC 20-18-2-18.5

"Spring count"

Sec. 18.5. "Spring count" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-43-1-24.5.

As added by P.L.205-2013, SEC.223.

IC 20-18-2-19

"State board"

Sec. 19. "State board" refers to the Indiana state board of education established by IC 20-19-2-2.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.2.

IC 20-18-2-20

"State superintendent"

Sec. 20. "State superintendent" refers to the state superintendent of public instruction.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.2.

IC 20-18-2-20.3

"State tuition support"

Sec. 20.3. "State tuition support" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-43-1-25.

As added by P.L.2-2006, SEC.78.

IC 20-18-2-21

"Superintendent"

Sec. 21. "Superintendent" means:

- (1) the chief administrative officer of a school corporation; or
- (2) in the case of a township school, the county superintendent of schools.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.2.

IC 20-18-2-21.5

(Repealed by P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.467.)

IC 20-18-2-22

"Teacher"

Sec. 22. (a) "Teacher" means a professional person whose position

in a school corporation requires certain educational preparation and licensing and whose primary responsibility is the instruction of students.

(b) For purposes of IC 20-28, the term includes the following:

- (1) A superintendent who holds a license under IC 20-28-5.
- (2) A principal.
- (3) A teacher.
- (4) A librarian.
- (5) A school counselor.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.2. Amended by P.L.246-2005, SEC.126; P.L.90-2011, SEC.4; P.L.167-2013, SEC.1; P.L.43-2014, SEC.1.

IC 20-18-2-23

Repealed

(Repealed by P.L.286-2013, SEC.10.)

IC 20-18-2-24

"Transfer"

Sec. 24. "Transfer" with respect to a student refers to the situation in which the student, for all or part of the student's education, attends school in a public school of a school corporation other than the school corporation in which the student has legal settlement.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.2.

IC 20-18-2-25

"Transferor corporation"; "transferee corporation"

Sec. 25. "Transferor corporation" and "transferee corporation" refer, respectively, in transfer situations to the school corporation of a student's legal settlement and the school corporation where the student attends school.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.2.

IC 20-18-2-26

"Transferred student"

Sec. 26. (a) "Transferred student" means a student attending school in a school corporation in which the student does not have legal settlement.

(b) For purposes of subsection (a), a student is considered attending school in a school corporation when:

- (1) the student is confined by a disability to a place outside the school corporation's facilities and receives instruction from school corporation personnel;
- (2) the student attends a special education school or career and technical education school in which the school corporation of the student's legal settlement provides cooperatively a portion of the cost; or
- (3) the student is in another similar situation.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.2. Amended by P.L.234-2007, SEC.86.